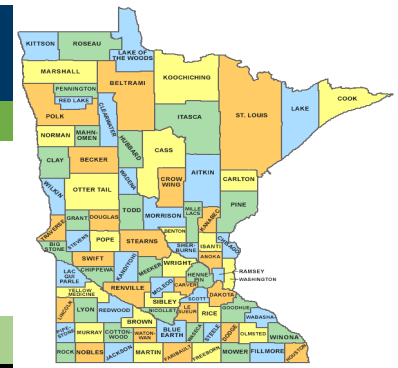


COUNTY PROFILE

## Blue Earth Co.

Blue Earth Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

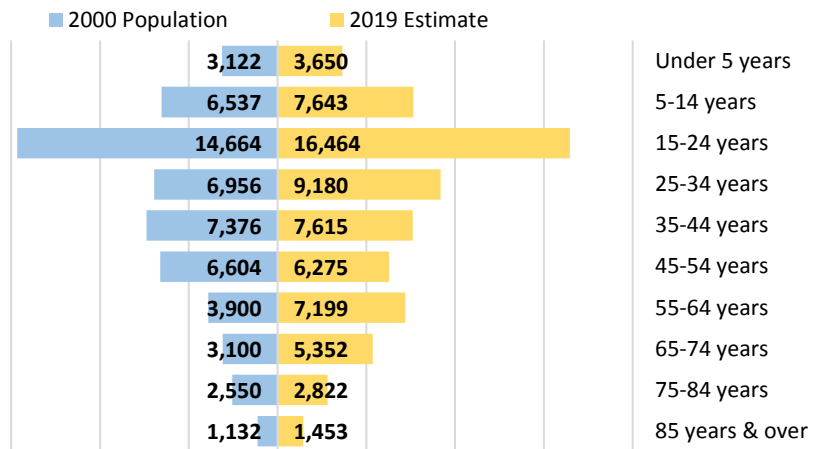
Blue Earth Co.'s population has increased so far this decade, ranking as the 18th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2019. It is now the 13th largest in the state. Blue Earth Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	<b>67,653 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>31.3 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2019	3,640 people 5.7% increase	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	3,650	5.4%
5-14 years	7,643	11.3%
15-24 years	16,464	24.3%
25-34 years	9,180	13.6%
35-44 years	7,615	11.3%
45-54 years	6,275	9.3%
55-64 years	7,199	10.6%
65-74 years	5,352	7.9%
75-84 years	2,822	4.2%
85 years & over	1,453	2.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>67,653</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2019



Blue Earth Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Blue Earth Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Blue Earth Co.	3,640	2,387	6,809	4,422	1,274	1,177	97
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

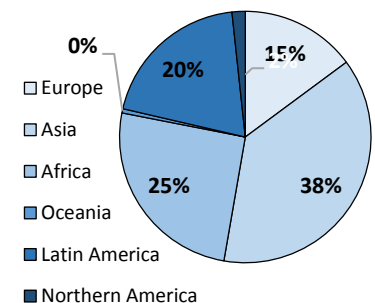
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Blue Earth Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Blue Earth Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

	Blue Earth Co.		Change 2010-2018		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>2,947</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Europe	438	14.9%	108	32.7%	10.2%	4.8%
Asia	1,116	37.9%	41	3.8%	37.7%	27.8%
Africa	747	25.3%	68	10.0%	24.5%	61.1%
Oceania	16	0.5%	4	33.3%	0.5%	41.9%
Americas:	630	21.4%	222	54.4%	27.1%	9.8%
Latin America	580	19.7%	244	72.6%	24.6%	11.8%
Northern America	50	1.7%	-22	-30.6%	2.6%	-6.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2018



## COUNTY PROFILE

Blue Earth Co.

Blue Earth Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2018**

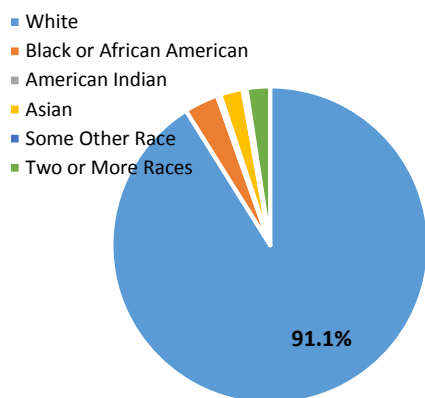


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2018	Percent	Change from 2000-2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,322</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
White	60,419	91.1%	13.7%	83.3%	4.7%
Black or African American	2,299	3.5%	245.2%	6.2%	99.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	226	0.3%	45.8%	1.1%	7.3%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,532	2.3%	48.0%	4.8%	83.8%
Some Other Race	261	0.4%	-32.4%	1.8%	48.7%
Two or More Races	1,585	2.4%	174.2%	2.9%	90.7%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,305	3.5%	133.3%	5.3%	104.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

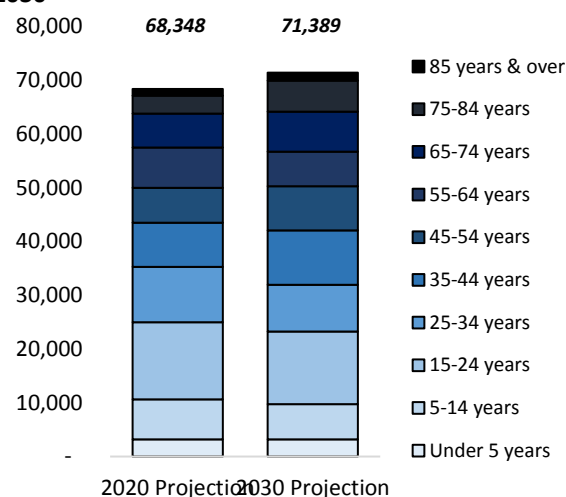
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Blue Earth Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**

Blue Earth Co.	2020 Projection	2030 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	3,170	3,199	29	0.9%
5-14 years	7,446	6,519	-927	-12.4%
15-24 years	14,366	13,554	-812	-5.7%
25-34 years	10,259	8,645	-1,614	-15.7%
35-44 years	8,212	10,147	1,935	23.6%
45-54 years	6,499	8,182	1,683	25.9%
55-64 years	7,538	6,451	-1,087	-14.4%
65-74 years	6,293	7,433	1,140	18.1%
75-84 years	3,304	5,766	2,462	74.5%
85 years & over	1,261	1,493	232	18.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>68,348</b>	<b>71,389</b>	<b>3,041</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Blue Earth Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Blue Earth Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

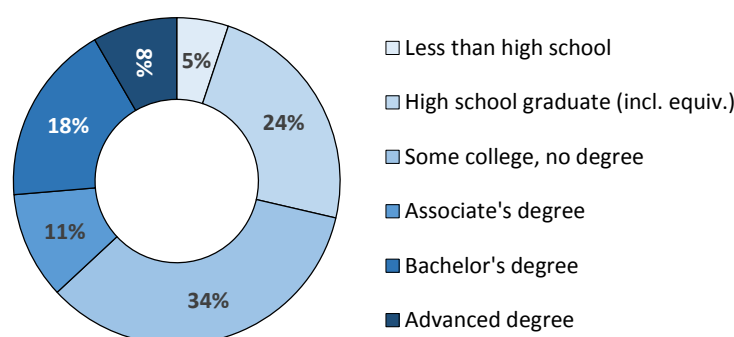
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**94.9%**

**College-educated:** **71.4%**  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **10.6%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **18.0%**  
Advanced Degree: **8.4%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2018**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

The number of workers in Blue Earth Co. increased over the past year. Long term, Blue Earth Co.'s labor force expanded more rapidly from 2004 to 2019, compared to a statewide growth rate of 8.0% (see Figure 6).

**41,062** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2004-2019

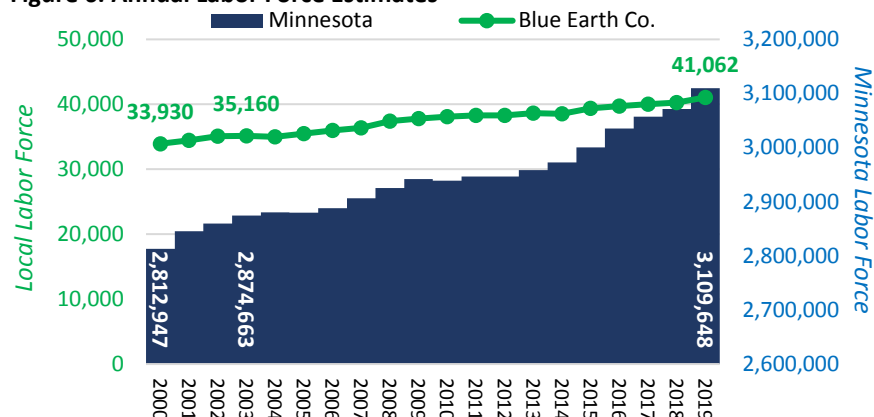
6,086 workers  
17.4% increase

**2.8%** unemployment rate

3.2% state

**1,150** unemployed workers

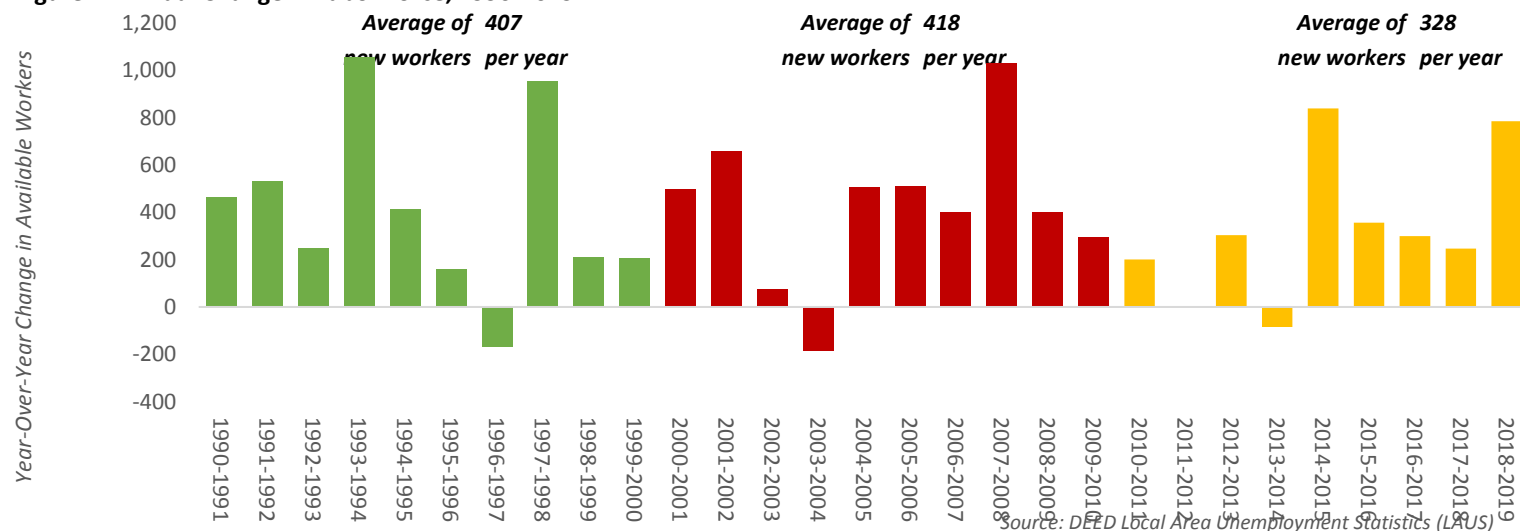
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

At 2.8%, Blue Earth Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2019. Blue Earth Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 2.5% in 2018, and was lower than the 6.4% rate posted in 2009. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Blue Earth Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2009.

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2019



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

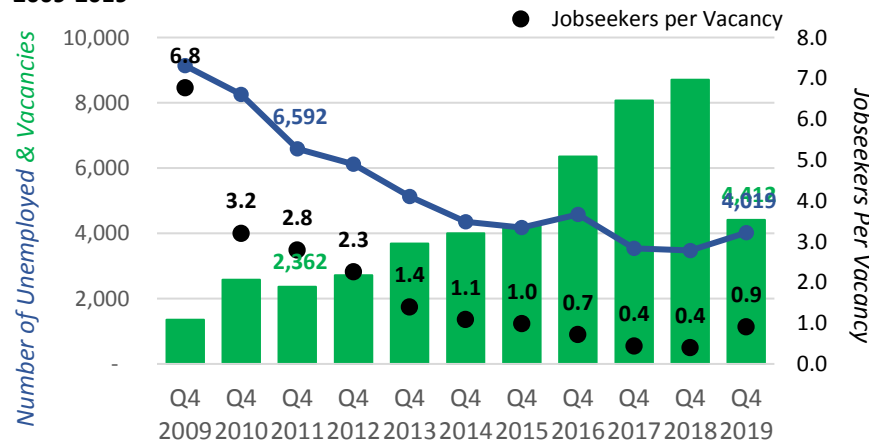
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Blue Earth Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Blue Earth Co. is expected to add workers from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2020-2030	Labor Force Projection	
	2020	2030
16 to 24 years	10,111	9,462
25 to 54 years	22,289	24,062
55 to 64 years	5,793	4,957
65 years & over	2,117	2,586
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>40,309</b>	<b>41,068</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Blue Earth Co. is a part of Region 9, which includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan County. The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, dropping to a ratio of 0.9 jobseekers per vacancy during the 4th quarter of 2019 (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2009-2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

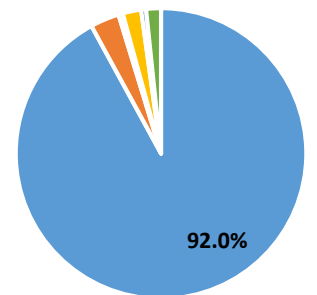
Blue Earth Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Blue Earth Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 85.5% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2018

	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota		Blue Earth Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>39,160</b>	<b>71.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>20,052</b>	<b>19,086</b>
16 to 19 years	3,114	61.0%	14.1%	52.9%	11.7%	1,401	1,714
20 to 24 years	8,704	79.3%	2.7%	84.4%	6.4%	4,185	4,522
25 to 44 years	14,274	89.6%	3.3%	88.6%	3.5%	7,730	6,542
45 to 54 years	5,770	88.3%	3.5%	87.3%	2.8%	2,960	2,811
55 to 64 years	5,662	76.8%	3.2%	72.6%	3.0%	2,800	2,859
65 to 74 years	1,430	30.3%	2.1%	27.6%	2.4%	862	567
75 years & over	183	4.6%	4.3%	6.3%	2.6%	114	71
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	36,041	71.7%	3.5%	69.5%	3.3%		
Black or African American	1,261	69.5%	11.8%	70.7%	9.9%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	188	97.4%	16.5%	58.5%	12.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	805	62.5%	6.2%	71.3%	4.7%		
Some Other Race	212	91.4%	6.1%	77.2%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	646	78.5%	10.4%	73.1%	7.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,391	83.8%	11.2%	76.3%	6.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	2,019	60.2%	8.1%	52.5%	9.0%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	25,716	86.2%	3.3%	84.2%	3.2%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	943	68.2%	4.4%	65.4%	4.5%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,687	80.7%	2.6%	78.6%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,693	88.8%	3.5%	85.2%	3.2%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	9,376	89.4%	1.6%	89.8%	1.9%		

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2018

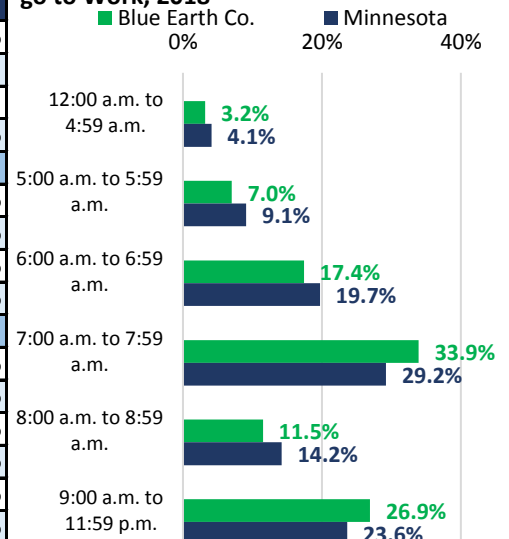


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

A larger percentage of workers in Blue Earth Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Blue Earth Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2018	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	36,101	99.6%	2,807,811	97.5%
Worked in county of residence	27,873	76.9%	1,831,557	63.6%
Worked out of county of residence	8,228	22.7%	979,134	34.0%
Worked outside state of residence	145	0.4%	71,995	2.5%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	32,259	89.0%	2,488,152	86.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	507	1.4%	103,673	3.6%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,595	4.4%	126,711	4.4%
Worked at home	1,885	5.2%	164,149	5.7%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	8,917	24.6%	455,009	15.8%
10 to 19 minutes	17,108	47.1%	869,701	30.2%
20 to 29 minutes	4,712	13.0%	639,317	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,262	9.0%	564,442	19.6%
45 to 59 minutes	870	2.4%	192,947	6.7%
60 or more minutes	1,450	4.0%	158,389	5.5%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>17.7 minutes</b>		<b>23.5 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2018



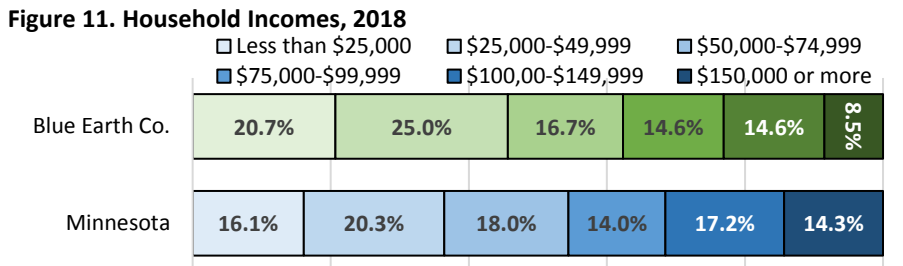
Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Blue Earth Co. had the 49th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$55,861
state	\$68,411
Median Family Income	\$77,581
state	\$86,204
Per Capita Income	\$28,824
state	\$36,245

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey



Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Blue Earth Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.85 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.92 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

**Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2019**

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Blue Earth Co.	\$28,812	\$13.85	\$0	\$329	\$166	\$717	\$583	\$293	\$313
State of Minnesota	\$30,900	\$14.86	\$0	\$335	\$137	\$759	\$629	\$336	\$379
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Blue Earth Co.	\$49,656	\$15.92	\$235	\$752	\$659	\$941	\$668	\$475	\$408
State of Minnesota	\$55,548	\$17.80	\$511	\$764	\$484	\$986	\$729	\$537	\$618

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 25th highest value of the 87 counties in 2018. Blue Earth Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

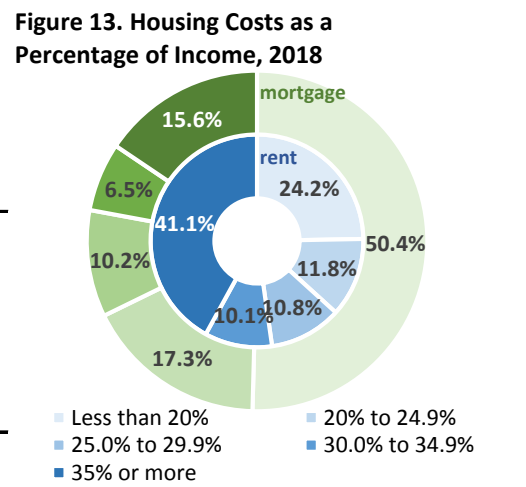
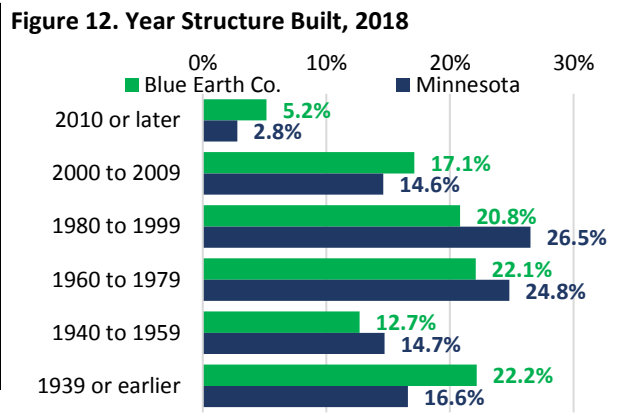
**Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2018**

	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	15,958	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,240	7.8%	5.7%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,198	7.5%	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,222	20.2%	15.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,878	24.3%	19.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,932	24.6%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,957	12.3%	17.6%
\$500,000 or more	531	3.3%	6.6%
Median (dollars)	\$177,800		\$199,700

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,374
state	\$1,547
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	22.1%
state	22.6%
Median monthly rent costs	\$869
state	\$944
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	51.2%
state	45.9%

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$18.75 in 2020, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$41.62) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$11.75) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2020

Occupational Group	Region 9				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$18.75</b>	<b>99,570</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$21.49</b>	<b>2,880,650</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$41.62	5,080	5.1%	0.9	\$24.38	165,310	5.7%
Business & Financial Operations	\$29.25	3,560	3.6%	0.6	\$12.43	244,300	8.5%
Computer & Mathematical	\$29.96	1,520	1.5%	0.4	\$17.72	4,060	0.1%
Architecture & Engineering	\$32.36	1,970	2.0%	1.0	\$20.03	363,800	12.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$28.73	800	0.8%	0.9	\$24.31	100,060	3.5%
Community & Social Service	\$24.14	-	0.0%	0.0	\$13.65	70,290	2.4%
Legal	\$28.69	190	0.2%	0.3	\$18.06	216,890	7.5%
Education, Training & Library	\$22.63	6,840	6.9%	1.2	\$38.00	55,520	1.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.86	1,270	1.3%	1.0	\$28.97	104,900	3.6%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$31.79	6,120	6.1%	0.9	\$37.35	20,050	0.7%
Healthcare Support	\$14.62	5,600	5.6%	1.0	\$24.52	38,540	1.3%
Protective Service	\$19.37	1,420	1.4%	0.9	\$15.37	277,000	9.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$11.75	5,410	5.4%	0.6	\$23.34	57,200	2.0%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$14.21	2,690	2.7%	0.9	\$15.23	83,860	2.9%
Personal Care & Service	\$13.22	-	0.0%	0.0	\$36.07	190,800	6.6%
Sales & Related	\$14.28	9,610	9.7%	1.0	\$42.71	97,960	3.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.56	12,350	12.4%	1.0	\$52.70	170,650	5.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$16.73	270	0.3%	1.9	\$19.03	212,650	7.4%
Construction & Extraction	\$25.47	3,830	3.8%	1.1	\$22.45	45,030	1.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$22.51	3,930	3.9%	1.1	\$14.81	163,160	5.7%
Production	\$18.47	13,410	13.5%	1.8	\$33.87	171,550	6.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.21	9,390	9.4%	1.3	\$34.35	27,070	0.9%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2020

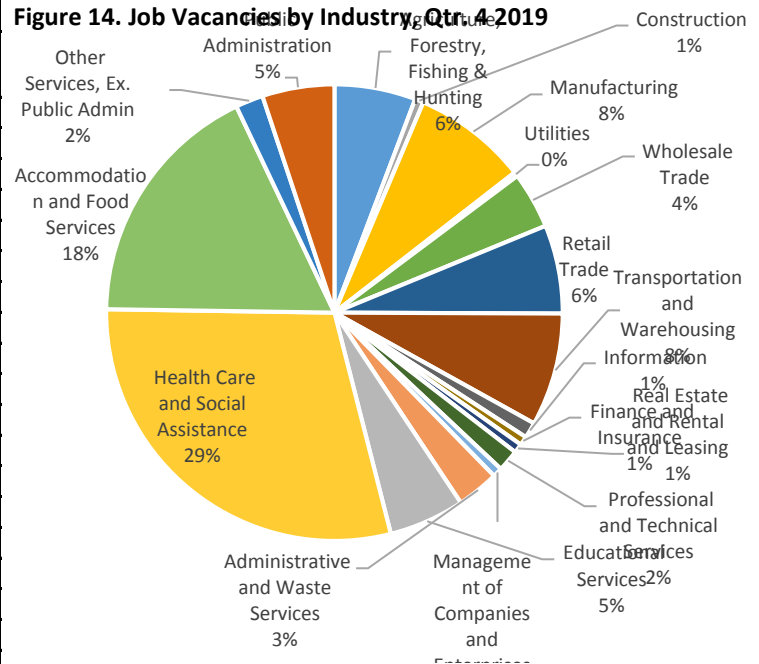
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Blue Earth Co. is a part of Region 9, which includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan County. There were 4412 job vacancies posted by employers in the 4th Quarter of 2019, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Region 9 Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2019

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>\$14.44</b>
Management	99	\$21.93
Business & Financial Operations	55	\$25.62
Computer & Mathematical	27	\$23.54
Architecture & Engineering	54	\$28.15
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	41	\$12.89
Community & Social Service	73	\$15.62
Education, Training & Library	#N/A	#N/A
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	198	\$15.76
Healthcare Support	108	\$10.00
Protective Service	471	\$26.45
Food Preparation & Serving Related	529	\$13.38
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	94	\$14.52
Personal Care & Service	774	\$12.15
Sales & Related	104	\$13.06
Office & Administrative Support	365	\$12.90
Construction & Extraction	247	\$14.64
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	214	\$14.60
Production	29	\$23.48
Transportation & Material Moving	223	\$18.98

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 4 2019



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 4 2019

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2019

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Personal Care Aides \$26,919	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$44,307	Registered Nurses \$65,723	Elementary School Teachers \$49,919
Combined Food Preparation & Serving \$23,754	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$40,150	Nursing Assistants \$30,046	Secondary School Teachers \$51,607
Cashiers \$23,665	Childcare Workers \$23,494	Machinists \$41,453	Agricultural & Food Science Technicians \$42,140
Janitors & Cleaners \$27,891	Office Clerks, General \$34,602	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$45,512	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$35,030
Retail Salespersons \$25,408	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General \$40,722	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$36,107	Industrial Engineers \$76,019
Home Health Aides \$27,561	Teacher Assistants \$28,683	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$47,807	Accountants & Auditors \$61,676
Waiters & Waitresses \$21,617	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants \$38,419	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$58,377	Middle School Teachers \$49,989
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand \$34,151	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing \$62,712	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics \$36,520	Financial Managers \$102,734
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers \$26,428	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers \$41,595	Industrial Engineering Technicians \$48,612	Mechanical Engineers \$78,526
Cooks, Restaurant \$24,812	First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers \$33,357	Heating, Air Cond. (HVAC) & Refrig. Mechanics \$44,355	Human Resources Specialists \$53,909

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

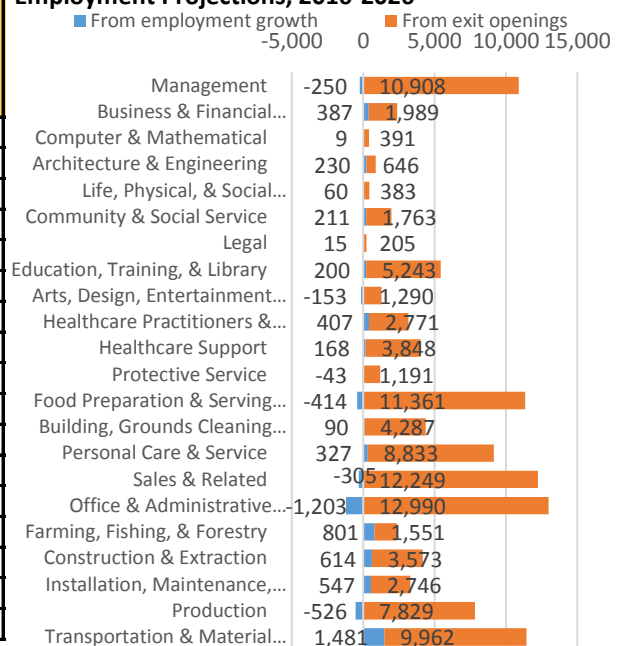
Blue Earth Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2016-2026

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2016	Projected Employment 2026	Percent Change 2016-2026
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>211,618</b>	<b>213,503</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,948	7,338	23.4%
Utilities	755	831	10.1%
Construction	7,995	8,408	5.2%
Manufacturing	31,264	31,145	-0.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,272	8,323	0.6%
Retail Trade	20,647	19,748	-4.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,176	8,023	11.8%
Information	2,746	2,569	-6.4%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,546	7,638	1.2%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,859	6,141	4.8%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,163	4,277	2.7%
Educational Services	16,891	16,886	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,857	31,196	4.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,751	14,367	-2.6%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,632	7,142	-6.4%
Public Administration	13,150	13,136	-0.1%

Source: DEED 2016-2026 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2016-2026



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After gaining jobs over the past year, Blue Earth Co. had the 12th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Blue Earth Co. was the 44th fastest growing in the past year and the 24th fastest growing since 2014. From 2014 to 2019, employers in Blue Earth Co. added jobs, but lagged the state's 6.3% growth rate.

2,066 business establishments

\$45,457 annual average wage

40,262 jobs

\$1,830,204,757 total industry payroll

Job change,  
2014-2019

2,198 jobs  
5.8% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2004-2019

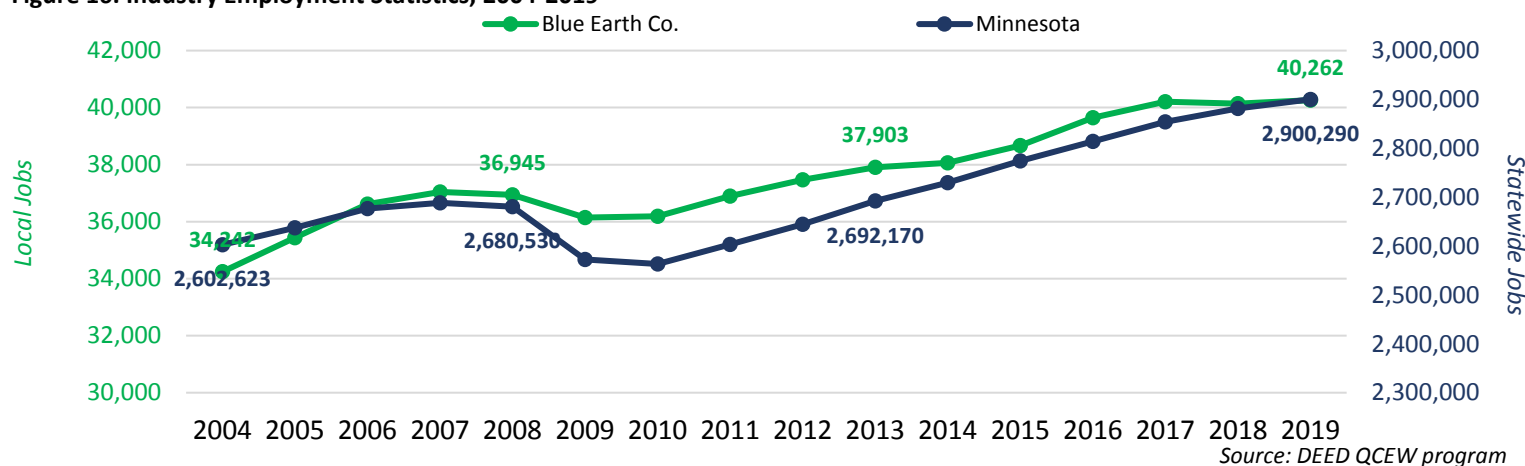
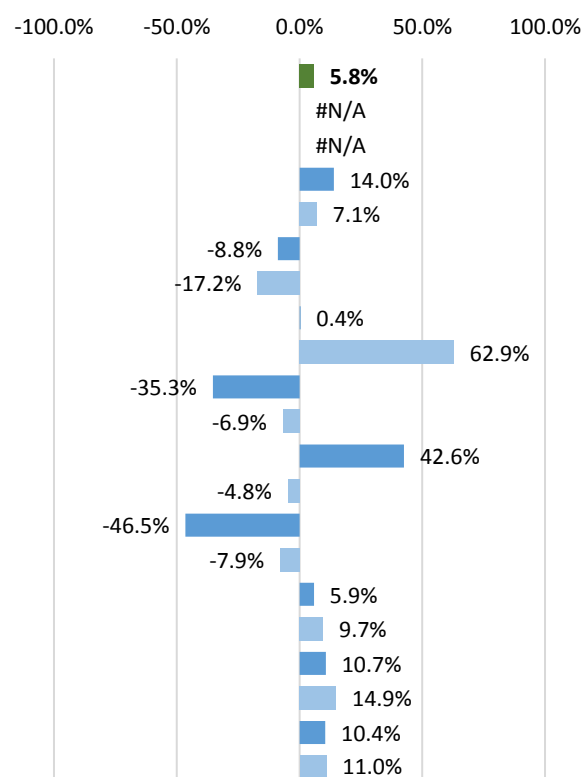


Table 15. Blue Earth Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2019	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>40,262</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$45,457</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	2,123	5.3%	\$64,209
Manufacturing	4,173	10.4%	\$60,159
Utilities	198	0.5%	\$107,768
Wholesale Trade	1,244	3.1%	\$61,702
Retail Trade	5,695	14.1%	\$26,841
Transportation & Warehousing	1,500	3.7%	\$40,217
Information	806	2.0%	\$54,314
Finance & Insurance	938	2.3%	\$80,285
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	790	2.0%	\$29,981
Professional & Technical Services	1,092	2.7%	\$72,510
Management of Companies	144	0.4%	\$84,020
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	1,095	2.7%	\$33,808
Educational Services	3,824	9.5%	\$52,400
Health Care & Social Assistance	8,982	22.3%	\$50,611
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	569	1.4%	\$13,104
Accommodation & Food Services	3,972	9.9%	\$15,855
Other Services	1,418	3.5%	\$30,248
Public Administration	1,262	3.1%	\$58,884

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2014-2019



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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